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SUBJECT: EXPORT CONTROLS AND SHORT SUPPLY PROBLEMS- GUYANA

REF: (A) STATE 022871, (B) STATE 023940

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO REF (A):

A. EXPORT CONTROLS IMPOSED BY GOG SINCE JANUARY 1973 INCLUDE ESTABLISHMENT TIMBER EXPORT BOARD, AND GOG INTERVENTION IN SUGAR EXPORTS. ALL EXPORTS TIMBER AND RELATED OREST PRODUCTS REQUIRE GOG PERMISSION. SINCE GUYANA HAS TRADE AGREEMENT WITH CUBA TO SUPPLY RAILROAD TIES AND OTHER TIMBER, SOME EXPORTS THESE COMMODITIES TO OTHER COUNTRIES DELAYED UNTIL CUBAN ORDER COMPLETED. (GEORGETOWN 01#32. SAME SITUATION PREVAILED EARLIER IN 1973 WITH TIMBER SALES TO PRC (GEORGETOWN 1627). GOG RECENTLY ORDERED ALL SUGAR EXPORTS DIVERTED FROM UK TO US. (GEORGETOWN 0086).

B. EXPORTS BAUXITE COMPLETELY CONTROLLED BY GOG SINCE PRIME PRODUCER IS GOVERNMENT-OWNED COMPANY. CAN EXPECT SOME DIVERSION
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THIS COMMODITY FROM NORMAL MARKETS TO PRC AND PERHAPS USSR FOR

POLITICAL REASONS, PROVIDED THERE IS REASONABLE RETURN.

C. NO SIGNIFICANT BARTER ARRANGEMENTS AS YET, BUT SOME EVIDENCE
GOG SEEKING SWAP WITH ARABS AND RUSSIANS OF SUGAR FOR OIL.

2. IN REPLY TO REF (B) EMBASSY BELIEVES MOTIVE FOR AD HOC TRADE
CONTROLS IN FAVOR CUBA AND PRC, ESSENTALLY POLITICAL, WHEREAS
PREFERENCE US MARKET FOR SUGAR EXPORTS STRICTLY ONE OF SHORT
RUN ECONOMIC NECESSITY. KING

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